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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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COSMOTRADE EXPORTS S.A.,

Plaintiff,

-against-

L-BRIDGE LIMITED a/k/a L BRIDGE
LIMITED; BRITISH MARINE PLC; and
OCEAN BULK CARRIERS LTD.,

Defendants.

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08 CV 2063 (NRB)

**KAHN AFFIDAVIT
PURSUANT TO RULE B(1)
AND IN SUPPORT OF
ORDER APPOINTING
PERSON TO SERVE
PROCESS PURSUANT TO
RULE 4(c) AND SCOPE OF
SERVICE**

State of New York)
) ss.:
County of New York)

LAWRENCE J. KAHN, being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. I am a member of the Bar of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, admitted to practice before this Court and I am a partner with the law firm of Freehill Hogan & Maher, LLP, attorneys for Plaintiff herein.

2. This Affidavit is submitted pursuant to Supplemental Rule B of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (see paragraphs 3-4, below) and in support of Plaintiff's application pursuant to Rule 4(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (see paragraphs 5-9, below).

DEFENDANTS ARE NOT FOUND WITHIN THE SDNY

3. Deponent has made an investigation and deponent believes that based upon the results of this investigation, that Defendants L-BRIDGE LIMITED a/k/a L BRIDGE LIMITED, BRITISH MARINE PLC and OCEAN BULK CARRIERS LTD. (hereinafter "Defendants") are corporations or other business entities that cannot be "found" within this District for the purpose of an attachment under Rule B. In support of this position, deponent has conducted the following investigation:

- (a) Deponent contacted the office of the New York Department of State, Division of Corporations on February 29, 2008, via the official Department of State website at <http://www.dos.state.ny.us> and conducted a search for each of the Defendants and the search results indicated that Defendants are not New York corporations, nor are they licensed, authorized or registered to do business in the State of New York as either domestic or international corporations;¹
- (b) Deponent consulted with Directory Assistance for New York on February 29, 2008 for area codes (212), (347), (718), (917), (646), (914), and (845) and no listing for the Defendants was located;²
- (c) Deponent reviewed the Journal of Commerce (Business Directory) Transportation Telephone Tickler, 2007 Edition (Vol. 1 New York Metropolitan Area) and no listing was found for the Defendants;

¹ The search results did indicate two entities, "LJ Bridge International Corp." and "RCHL Bridge Corp.", both of which have names similar to the first named defendant, but both are inactive entities and neither is believed to be Defendant L Bridge.

² Directory assistance provided deponent with the number (718) 652-5700 for defendant Ocean Bulk Carriers Ltd. When deponent called this number, the person responding indicated that this number was for "Local Bulk Carriers" and advised that there was no "Ocean Bulk Carriers" at that number.

(d) Deponent accessed on February 29, 2008, through Microsoft Internet Explorer and Yahoo! Search engines the yellow pages telephone directory database and found no listing in that database for any offices or agents of the Defendants within this district;

(e) Deponent is unaware of any general or managing agent(s) within this District for the Defendant;

(f) Deponent searched on February 29, 2008, through Microsoft Internet Explorer and Google search engines for a website of Defendants. That search indicated that Defendant L Bridge does not maintain a website. Defendant British Marine maintains a website that includes a listing for Defendant L Bridge and for Defendant Ocean Bulk, but which shows no connection with the United States or with the Southern District of New York for any of the three defendants.

4. Based upon the foregoing, your deponent submits that the Defendants cannot be "found" within this District for the purpose of an attachment pursuant to Rule B and seeks an order of attachment against such tangible and intangible property of the Defendants as may be found within this District up to and including the amount of the claim as specified in the Verified Complaint.

REQUEST FOR ORDER APPOINTING SPECIAL PROCESS SERVER

5. Plaintiff also applies, pursuant to Rule 4(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, for an Order appointing Susan Lee, Robert Ridenour, Joan Sorrentino, or Christina Gargano, or any other partner, associate, paralegal or other agent of Freehill Hogan & Maher LLP, in addition to the United States Marshal, to serve the Process of Attachment and Garnishment issued pursuant to FRCP Supplemental Rule B upon the named garnishee(s) as well

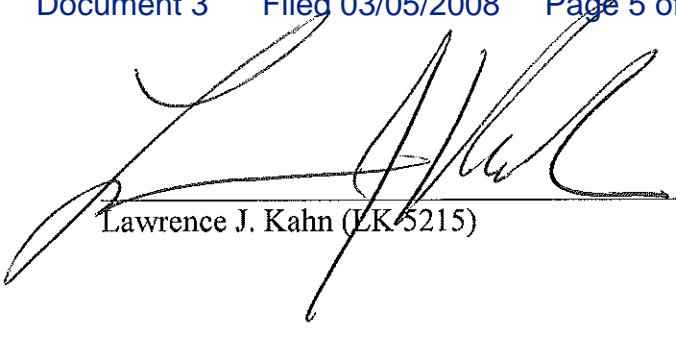
as any other garnishee(s) who (based upon information developed subsequent hereto) may hold assets of, for, or on behalf of the Defendants.

6. Plaintiff is desirous of serving the Process of Attachment and Garnishment on the garnishee(s) with all deliberate speed so that it will be fully protected against the possibility of not being able to satisfy a judgment that may ultimately be entered by Plaintiff against the Defendants.

7. To the extent this application for an Order appointing a special process server with respect to this attachment and garnishment does not involve a restraint of physical property, there is no need to require that the service be effected by the Marshal as it simply involves delivery of the process to the respective garnishee(s).

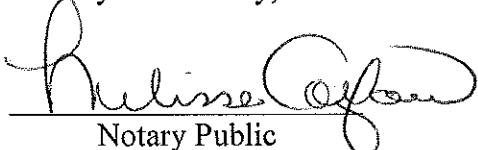
8. Plaintiff also requests that the Court grant it leave to serve any additional garnishee(s) who may be discovered in the course of this litigation to be holding property of the Defendants within this District. By obtaining leave at this time to serve these other possible garnishees, it will facilitate prompt service of the Process without the need to return to the Court for permission to amend the process simply to name other garnishees.

9. In addition, and to avoid the need to repetitively serve the garnishees/banking institutions, Plaintiff respectfully seeks leave, as embodied in the accompanying Order, for any process served on a garnishee to be deemed effective and continuous throughout any given day on which process is served and up through the end of the next business day, providing service is made the next business day, and authorizing service by facsimile or email following an initial service of the process by hand, and to deem such facsimile or email service as being accomplished within this District if such service is transmitted or initiated from within the District.



Lawrence J. Kahn (LK 5215)

Sworn to before me this
29th day of February, 2008



Melissa Colford

Notary Public

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